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SUBJ: AMERICAN PROFESSORS FOR LEBANESE UNIVERSITY

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1. DR. ASSAAD RIZK, MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, HAS SENT EMBASSY LETTER RENEWING REF A REQUEST FOR AMERICAN MATHEMATICS PROFESSORS FOR LEBANESE UNIVERSITY. PER REF B, WE HAVE REPLIED BY LETTER INDICATING THAT FUNDS FROM AID ARE NOT AVAILABLE THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT WE ARE EXPLORING OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

2. AMERICAN FACULTY MEMBERS AT AUB BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SHORTAGE OF AMERICAN PHD'S IN MATHEMATICS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN POSITIONS AT LEBANESE UNIVERSITY AT AMERICAN PAY SCALES. CONTRACTS COULD BE FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE FOR UP TO FOUR IF CANDIDATES PREFERRED. DR. HASSAN MOUCHARRAFIEH, DEAN OF SCIENCE OF LEBANESE UNIVERSITY, HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOL HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM BEGINNING THAT PROFESSORS MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AND THAT AS MUCH AS ONE YEAR'S LEAD TIME MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP SUITABLE CANDIDATES. DURING THIS PERIOD,
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POLITICAL SITUATION SHOULD BECOME CLEARER. (AS STATED REF A, GOL PREPARED TO PAY REGULAR SALARY AND ASKS ONLY "TOPPING UP" MONEY TO MAKE THEM COMPETITIVE WITH U.S. UNIVERSITIES.) MOUCHARRAFIEH ALSO NOTED CANDIDATES NEED NOT BE SENIOR INDIVIDUALS, BUT COULD BE YOUNGER ONES WITH TASTE FOR TRAVEL.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CU, USIA,
AND AID COMMENTS ON WHETHER:

A. PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ROCKEFELLER OR FORD
FOUNDATION MIGHT BE WILLING TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR
THIS OR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

B. USG FUNDS -- NOT NECESSARILY FROM AID -- MIGHT BE
AVAILABLE THIS OR NEXT FISCAL YEAR FOR THIS PROGRAM.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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